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RE: Request for Advisory Opinion: Docket #2016-286
Hammond Fire Department Chief – Liberty Mutual
Fire Mark Award

Dear Members of the Board:


I am the Hammond City Attorney. Please accept this correspondence as an update to our request for an advisory opinion from your office on behalf of the City of Hammond dated March 1, 2016.

We have just been informed that Hammond Fire Chief John Thomas was in fact selected as the recipient of the Liberty Mutual Firemark Award for his outstanding community service beyond his normal duties as a firefighter and/or Fire Chief. The news will be officially released on May 2, 2016. The City of Hammond has been given a \$10,000 check as a result of Chief Thomas winning this award but will wait on depositing the funds until an opinion is received from this Board.

Further, in being named the Firemark Award recipient, Chief Thomas is provided a trip to New York City for four people, as discussed in our initial request for an advisory opinion. Chief Thomas will not accept this trip until an opinion is received from this Board.

If you have any questions concerning this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,


Andre G. Coudrain

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Tracy,

As discussed, please find our update letter attached. I have also sent a hard copy in the mail.

Thank you,



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